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Diversion of "Naar-paar" Rivers

4583. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for east-ward diversion of waters of "Naar-Paar" rivers in Maharashtra is under consideration of the Union Government, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). No proposal for east-ward diversion of waters of Nar and Par rivers in Maharashtra has been received at the Centre However, the pre-feasibility report for northward diversion of waters of Nar and par rivers, as a part of Par-Tapi-Narmada Link prepared by the National Water Development Agency was sent to the State Governments of Maharashtra and Gujarat for comments. Their comments/concurrence have not been received.

[*English*]

Supply of Coal to power stations and industries in Madhya Pradesh

4584. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of coal supplied to the industries and power stations of Madhya Pradesh from the coal mines in the state by rail and by road during 1991 (till date);

(b) the collieries form where coal was transported to outside Madhya Pradesh during the above period;

(c) whether any black marketing of coal which was meant for the consumers having top priority has been detected: and

(d) if so, the preventive measures taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) Coal consumers in Madhya Pradesh receive coal supplies from coal mines with in as well as outside Madhya Pradesh, by rail, road, and other means. The total quantity of coal received by power plants in Madhya Pradesh from April-October 91 was 12.01 million tonnes, and the coal received by cement plants in Madhya Pradesh during the same period was 1.292 million tonnes For calendar year 1991, Railways have earmarked a ceiling of 1321 box wagons per month under State Priority for movement of coal to industrial consumers in Madhya Pradesh excluding small scale industries. Against the pro-rata ceiling of 9247 box wagons from January to July'91, Railways sanctioned movement of 8953 box wagons. Information regarding supplies made from with in and outside the State is not readily available.

(b) Northern Coalfields Ltd., Western Coalfields Ltd., and South Eastern Coalfields Ltd. have coal mines in Madhya Pradesh and outside Madhya Pradesh also. They supply coal to consumers in Madhya Pradesh as well as outside Madhya Pradesh.

(c) and (d). Any specific complaint about balckmarketing of coal, as and when they are brought to the notice of coal companies, are looked into by them for appropriate action.

Establishment of Commerce Wings in Indian Embassies

4585. SHRI K.P. REDDATAH YADAV: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state.